

Montana's Colleges and Disability Services

The state of Montana is committed to serving students with disabilities so that they can reach their postsecondary goals. No otherwise qualified student will be denied participation in or the benefits of any of the university system's program solely on the basis of a disability, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Montana Human Rights Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Disability Services offices exist to aid students with accommodations, advocacy issues, and due process. Though not every university or college branch in the state has a dedicated director of disability services, the Student Services division can be contacted at each school for appropriate information. Contact information for two-year and four-year schools in Montana is listed below.

It is important to distinguish between the services that are often typical in high school and those which are mandated at the college level. In college, the key word is "access" though of course the college is supportive of helping the student achieve success as well. The college is obligated to provide access to the school's physical resources as well as its programmatic ones. Typical accommodations in college include extended testing time, note takers, a quiet testing room, interpreters, e-text and other services for blind/low vision students, accessible housing, etc.

Families of students with disabilities should contact the college ahead of time to begin the accommodation process and to find out what services will be appropriate at the postsecondary level. If the student has an IEP in high school, he will begin to work on a plan for what will happen after high school with his IEP team. Transition services are becoming increasingly available, and entities such as Vocational Rehabilitation exist to help make the transition between high school and college easier. Families are encouraged to visit the college's web site to gather important information before making that initial visit. It is essential that the student begin to take ownership of the process of seeking accommodations as early as possible, preferably before the start of the first semester. When the student goes to college, no one will be seeking him out to be sure he registers with the Office of Disability Services; it will be up to him to initiate

that process. Once the student has made that first contact with the person who oversees accommodations for the college, he should stay in touch with both that office and faculty on a regular basis to make sure that accommodations are implemented consistently.

Information regarding Montana Higher Education Disability Services program contacts for each of the technical colleges, colleges and universities is included below. IEP teams and students are encouraged to communicate with the appropriate individual contacts at the schools to which the students may apply. As much information that can be available to students prior to graduation will increase the potential for success at the higher education level. It is critical for students to fully understand what services are available and what types of accommodations or modifications are not. Leaving the public K-12 education system can be challenging for students with disabilities. The better prepared they are, the better results we all will see for the future.

MONTANA HIGHER EDUCATION DISABILITY SERVICES

Blackfeet Community College

P.O. Box 819
Browning, MT 59417
406-338-5441 ext. 234
Bob Tailfeathers
Dean of Student Services/Disability Services
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They are in the process of designing a disability website page.

Carroll College

1601 Benton Avenue
Helena, MT 59625

Bennett Macintyre (for physical disabilities)
Director of Student Living
406-447-4374
bmacintyre@carroll.edu
www.carroll.edu
They do not have a disability website page.

Joan Stottlemeyer (for academic disabilities)
Director of Academic Resource Center
406-447-4504
jstottle@carroll.edu
www.carroll.edu/prostudents/resources.cc

Chief Dull Knife College

P.O. Box 98
Lame Deer, MT 59043
Quintin Kingfisher
Director of Vocational Rehabilitation
406-477-6215 ext. 109
quintin@cdkc.edu/
www.cdkc.edu
They do not have a disability website page.

Patti Means, Interpreter
Student Support Services
406-477-6215 ext. 154
pmeans@cdkn.edu

Dawson Community College

P.O. Box 421
Glendive, MT 59330
406-377-9403
www.dawson.cc.mt.us
They do not have a disability website page.

Kent Dion, Program Director
Student Support Services
406-377-9416
kent_d@dawson.edu

Flathead Valley Community College

777 Grand View DR

Kalispell, MT 59901

Lynn Farris (temporary-until Aug. 19, 2008)

Disabilities & Assessment Specialist

406-756-3881

www.fvcc.edu/academics/student-resources/learning-center/disability-support-services/

Fort Belknap College

P.O. Box 159

Harlem, MT 59526

406-353-2607

www.fbcc.edu

Loretta Hawley, Disability Services, ext. 237

lettyhawley@yahoo.com

Fort Peck Community College

P.O. Box 398

Poplar, MT 59255

406-768-6345

Rhonda Mason

Director of Student Support Services

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They do not have a disability website page.

Little Big Horn College

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Crow Agency, MT 59022

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Teatta Old Bear

Dean of Student Services

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They do not have a disability website page.

Miles City Community College

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Miles City, MT 59301
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Sheila Seifert
Counselor & Disabilities Coordinator
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Montana Tech of the University of Montana **Montana Tech of the University of Montana College of Technology**

1300 West Park Street
Butte, MT 59701
406-496-4198
www.mtech.edu/student_life/disability/

Eletha Suttey
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South Campus Disability Services TBA
406-496-3730

MSU Billings & MSU Billings COT

1500 University DR
Billings, MT 59101
406-657-2283
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MSU – Bozeman

155 Strand Union BLDG
P.O. Box 173960
Bozeman, MT 59717-3960
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Brenda York
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MSU – Great Falls College of Technology

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406-771-4414
Kathy Meier
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www.msugf.edu/studentlife/disabilityservices/index.htm

MSU – Northern

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Havre, MT 59501
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Bill Lanier
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Rocky Mountain College

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Billings, MT 59102
406-657-1128
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Salish Kootenai College

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Pablo, MT 59855
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John Domitrovich, Instructor
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They do not have a disability website page.

Stone Child College

R.R. 1 Box 1082
Box Elder, MT 59521
406-395-5885
Evelyn Oats- Vocational Rehabilitation
<http://www.stonechild.edu/>
They do not have a disability website page.

University of Great Falls

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Great Falls, MT 59405
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Kay Seilstad
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They are in the process of designing a disability website page (will be updated August 1, 2008)

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University of Montana College of Technology

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University of Montana – Western

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